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SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

FOR PEKING FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY FROM STOESSEL

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECY STOESSEL NOVEMBER 9, NOTED HE WOULD RETURN TO TOKYO FOR FORTHCOMING VISIT OF SECRETARY, AND SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATE ON US NEGOTIATIONS WITH EUROPEANS -- ESPECIALLY ON US-EC DECLARATION.

2. STOESSEL RECALLED AMBASSADOR HAD GIVEN SECRETARY ON NOVEMBER 1 A QTE PERSONAL UNQTE DRAFT US-EC-JAPAN-CANADA DECLARATION, AND SAID THAT AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS WERE BEING GIVEN CAREFUL STUDY. HE THOUGHT SECRETARY'S VISIT TO TOKYO WOULD PROVIDE OCCASION FOR CARRYING FORWARD TALKS ON
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THE QUESTION OF JAPANESE ASSOCIATION, AND UNDERScoreD VERY FIRM US DESIRE, WHICH WE HAVE REITERATED TO EUROPEANS, TO INVOLVE JAPAN IN THE DECLARATION ENTERPRISE.

3. STOESSEL REVIEWED PROGRESS OF US-EC NEGOTIATIONS, POINTING TO CONTINUING DIFFICULTY IN FINDING COMMON GROUND ON CERTAIN SUBJECTS, INCLUDING PARTNERSHIP, INTERDEPENDENCE, AND CONSULTATIONS. WELL-KNOWN FRENCH SENSITIVITIES, IN PARTICULAR, HAVE MADE AGREEMENT DIFFICULT TO DATE, BUT WE HOPE OUR TALKS WITH EC POL DIRS SLATED TO RESUME NOVEMBER 14 IN COPENHAGEN WILL PERMIT SUBSTANTIAL STEPS TOWARD AGREED DOCUMENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO EARLY RECEIPT OF EC VIEWS ON ECONOMIC PARAGRAPHS OF DECLARATION, ON WHICH NEXT ROUND OF TALKS WILL CONCENTRATE.

4. AS FOR NATO DECLARATION, STOESSEL NOTED US AGREEMENT TO WORK LARGELY ON BASIS OF FRENCH DRAFT, WHICH WE CONSIDERED A USEFUL POINT OF DEPARTURE. SOME ALLIES, ESPECIALLY CANADA AND NORWAY, SEEK TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE ON ALLIANCE ECONOMIC AND OTHER TIES IN ADDITION TO SECURITY RELATIONS STRESSED BY FRENCH. TO YASUKAWA'S QUESTION WHETHER US AND OTHER EUROPEANS SUPPORT THIS EFFORT, STOESSEL REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY AND THOUGHT FRENCH MIGHT SOON TABLE GENERAL LANGUAGE COVERING OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST TO US AND OTHERS, SUCH AS FORCE REDUCTIONS.

5. YASUKAWA RECALLED SECRETARY TOLD OHIRA IN NEW YORK THAT IF US OBTAINS STRONG NATO DECLARATION, IT MIGHT ACCEPT MORE GENERAL US-EC DECLARATION. STOESSEL AFFIRMED THAT US HOPES PARTICULARLY FOR A SOLID NATO DOCUMENT, WHICH TOGETHER WITH A GOOD US-EC DECLARATION, WILL ENABLE US TO ACHIEVE A SATISFACTORY OVERALL PACKAGE.

6. RECALLING RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED TO PREMIER TANAKA BY UK AND, ESPECIALLY, FRENCH OVER LINKING JAPAN WITH US-EC RELATIONSHIP, YASUKAWA BELIEVED IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO FIND WAY OF DRAFTING PREAMBLE SIMULTANEOUSLY RECOGNIZING QTE EUROPEAN IDENTITY, UNQTE US WORLD-WIDE RESPONSIBILITIES, AND JAPAN'S ROLE IN ASIA.

7. STOESSEL SAW VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT EVENTUALLY
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WORK OUT JAPAN'S ASSOCIATION WITH DECLARATION. HE ASKED INTER ALIA WHETHER JAPAN HAD CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF OECD DECLARATION. YASUKAWA THOUGHT GOJ HAD NOT STUDIED THIS POSSIBILITY, AND QUESTIONED ITS WISDOM SINCE REFERENCES TO SECURITY COULD NOT BE EMBRACED BY OECD MEMBERSHIP. STOESSEL INDICATED THAT WHILE JAPANESE PREFERENCE FOR A SINGLE DOCUMENT POSED NO PROBLEM FOR US, EUROPEANS MIGHT WANT SEPARATE DECLARATIONS.

8. COMMENT. YASUKAWA'S COMMENTS, PARTICULARLY HIS EMPHASIS ON A SINGLE DECLARATION LINKING US, EC, JAPAN AND CANADA, SUGGEST JAPANESE WILL PURSUE THIS THEME IN CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY IN TOKYO. AS WE HAVE INDI-

CATED IN BRIEFING PAPERS PREPARED FOR SECRETARY'S USE IN
HIS TALKS WITH JAPANESE, EC MEMBERS CAN BE EXPECTED TO
RESIST STRONGLY A JOINT DOCUMENT ALONG LINES FLOATED BY
YASUKAWA AS QTE PERSONAL UNQTE DRAFT. FACT THAT YASUKAWA
HAS PROVIDED "PERSONAL DRAFT" SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE
REVEALED TO OTHERS, ESPECIALLY GOJ OFFICIALS. RUSH

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